Dear Friends,

When introducing Gift of Adoption to others, we often lead with, “It’s a good idea.”

Gift of Adoption is a good idea because it is relevant—addressing the staggeringly large needs of 138 million orphaned children around the world and 250,000 in the United States who are growing up alone. It’s a good idea because each child adopted has immediate and lasting access to both the basic necessities and enriching possibilities of life, simply by virtue of becoming a regular part of a loving family.

Our mission delivery model smartly complements and works in partnership with industry professionals—attorneys, agencies, social workers, policy makers, and advocacy groups—to further our shared goal of permanent families for all children, everywhere.

Our mission is both practical and scalable in an “Occam’s razor” way to complex problem-solving, where the simplest solution is most likely the right one. Gift of Adoption final funds grants simply remove adoption costs as a barrier to adoption.

And, most importantly, our mission engages each of us in a new industry of philanthropy and volunteerism—one where you don’t have to adopt to give a child a family.

This year, together with the support of organizations like Horizon Therapeutics, community groups such as the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, members of our Investor and National Boards, and our 23-strong chapter network, we made it possible for 441 children to be united with permanent families.

These members of our shared community join with you and the families we serve to make a profound and lasting difference in the lives of children, together. Simply put, we’re better together.

On the cover of this report you see 3-year-old Siana together with her mother and grandfather at a family wedding. Siana was born in Colombia and abandoned at the hospital at 3 months old. Through adoption, Siana is now able to thrive in a family where goofing around with cousins is a common occurrence (as pictured to the left).

For all the children we’ve reached this year who are now in a better place, together with their new families, we extend our gratitude. Thank you for working together with us to actualize this good idea. An idea that brings us together to make things better.

With gratitude,

Meg Gibson Revord
National Board President

Pam Devereux
Chief Executive Officer
Gift of Adoption provides grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children—giving them permanent families and a chance to thrive.

Linia (far left) & Via (far right), Adopted from Haiti by Jacob & Kindra of Colton, WA
Average Grant Amount
$3,749

Total Amount of Grant Awards
$1,257,183

Number of Children Adopted
441

Types of Adoptions Facilitated
Domestic
50%
International
50%

Number of countries served by grants
26

U.S.A.
Bulgaria
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Georgia
Haiti
Honduras
Japan
Kyrgyzstan
India
Latvia
Liberia
Mexico

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Thailand
Ukraine
Vietnam
33% Grants that helped children with serious medical conditions

19% Grants uniting or preserving biological siblings in the same family

26% Grants that kept children from entering or aging out of foster care

18% Grants that prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage
The Gift of Adoption network grew to 23 chapters with the additions of Alabama and Missouri in FY19.

Griffin, Adopted in 2019 from U.S.A. by Christopher & Caitlin of Manchester, CT
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019, GIFT OF ADOPTION HAS AWARDED $8.5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO GIVE 2,933 CHILDREN PERMANENT FAMILIES.

Elsie,
Adopted from U.S.A. in 2019 by Ann Maria & David of Lisburn, GA
The #RAREis Adoption Fund was created by Horizon Therapeutics to further their commitment to the Rare Disease Community. The #RAREis Adoption Fund supports Gift of Adoption’s mission to provide financial assistance to complete the final steps of adoption of at-risk children. 10% of Gift of Adoption’s grants help children with rare diseases come home for the treatment they need and the love of a forever family. Horizon’s $150,000 gift will complete the adoptions of 30 children battling rare diseases over the next three years.
2020 VISION: Double our Impact over 5 years

In 2016, we launched the “500 in 5 Growth Campaign” to raise $1.375 million to invest in our growth strategies and to fund a portion of the resulting grant growth each year. Through November 1, 2019, 34 generous individuals have helped us reach 92% of that funding goal (see page 12).
All Board rosters reflect membership as of November 1, 2019.

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